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SUBJECT: INDO-SRI LANKA FISHING PROBLEMS

1. SRI LANKAN DEPUTY HIGH COMMISSIONER JAYAKODY TELLS US THAT IN THE LAST FEW WEEKS, PROBLEM OF INDIAN FISHING BOATS POACHING IN SRI LANKAN WATERS FOR SHRIMP HAS AGAIN BECOME A PROBLEM. ISSUE WAS DISCUSSED WITH INDIANS IN APRIL THIS YEAR AND INCIDENCE OF POACHING DROPPED OFF SHARPLY FROM MAY THROUGH OCTOBER. JAYAKODY PROFESSES NOT TO KNOW WHY IT HAS BECOME MORE FREQUENT, BUT SRI LANKA HAS BEEN DEALING WITH PROBLEM BY TAKING INDIAN BOATS INTO PORT, HOLDING THEM FOR "NUMBER OF HOURS" AND THEN RELEASING SHIPS AND CREWS AFTER CONFISCATING CATCH. THUS FAR, HE SAID, SRI LANKA HAS NOT CONFISCATED EITHER FISHING TACKLES OR BOATS THEMSELVES, ALTHOUGH THIS IS OPTION WHICH REMAINS OPEN SHOULD PROBLEM PERSIST. ONE DOMESTIC SRI LANKAN PROBLEM HAS BEEN DESTRUCTION OF NETS OF SRI LANKAN FISHERMEN BY INDIAN BOATS AND STRONG COMPLAINTS FROM FISHERMEN.

2. JAYAKODY SAID GOI HAS BEEN VERY COOPERATIVE THUS FAR, RECOGNIZING THAT INDIAN BOATS GO WITHIN SIX MILES OF SRI LANKA BUT ASKING FOR SRI LANKAN FOREBEARANCE WHILE INDIANS ATTEMPT TO EDUCATE FISHERMEN IN LIMITS TO WHICH THEY CAN

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